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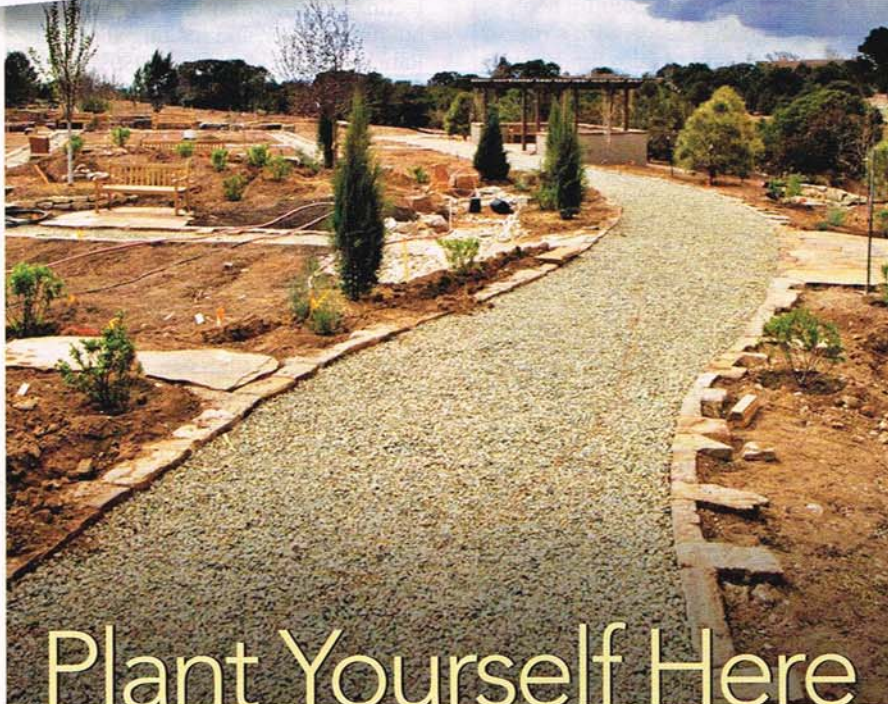
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JULY/AUGUST 2013



SANTA FE



Plant Yourself Here

A grand opening is planned for a grand garden

The celebration set for July 19–21 is no garden-variety event. That's when the first phase of the **Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill** is set to bloom. The grand opening of the Orchard Gardens features a grove of fruit trees flanked by a meadow garden and a dry garden. The grove reflects the area's agricultural history, with apple, cherry, peach, apricot, plum, pear, and pistachio trees. Designed by landscape architect W. Gary Smith, the project will eventually fill more than 12 acres, including the Naturalistic Gardens and the Courtyard Gardens, which are due to begin construction next year. An outdoor classroom and a children's section is planned. Arroyo Trails, 8 acres of biking and hiking trails along the Garden's arroyo, is also set to open in the coming year. The opening weekend includes a reception Friday evening, a members-only day Saturday, and an official public opening Sunday with dancing, music, food, and free admission. *Museum Hill*. (505) 471-9103; santafebotanicalgarden.org. —Paul Zieke



Central

THROUGH AUG. 31 Chuckwagon Sunset Suppers and Shows, Edgewood. Saturday evening events include a barbecue dinner, a hayride, a peregrine falcon show, and live music. Wildlife West Nature Park. (877) 981-9453; wildlifewest.org.

JULY 5–7 Pork and Brew State BBQ Championship, Rio Rancho. Winners at this Kansas City BBQ Society event go on to participate at the nationals. Santa Ana Star Center. (505) 891-7258; riorancho.nm.org.

JULY 20 Route 66 Summerfest, Albuquerque. Outdoor family event features music and dance entertainment, a car show, food, arts and crafts, and children's activities. Central Avenue between Washington Street and Girard Boulevard. (505) 768-3556; rt66central.com.

JULY 20–27 Youth Nationals Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show, Albuquerque. Competition combined with leadership training and festivities. Expo New Mexico. (303) 696-4500; arabianhorses.org.

JULY 23, AUG. 27 Night Walk at the Botanic Garden, Albuquerque. Explore the garden by moonlight on a guided tour of night-blooming plants, nocturnal animals, and night pollinators. ABQ Biopark Botanic Garden. (505) 848-7180; cabq.gov/biopark.

AUG. 3–4 Great Southwestern Antique Show, Albuquerque. American Indian and Western antiques and art are for sale and on display. Expo New Mexico. (505) 255-4054; greatsouthwesternantiqueshow.com.

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